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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 for which a response was due on January 17, 2003 and has been extended in the attached petition to February 19, 2003 (February 17, 2003 being a Federal Holiday and February 18, 2003 the Federal Government closed due to inclement weather).

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 directed to a method of double side polishing). Applicants hereby submit a Preliminary Amendment, attached hereto, to amend the claims in Group II (claims 5, 6 10-17, 20-23, 27 and 28) as method claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine all claims on the merits. Applicants expressly reserves his/her right under